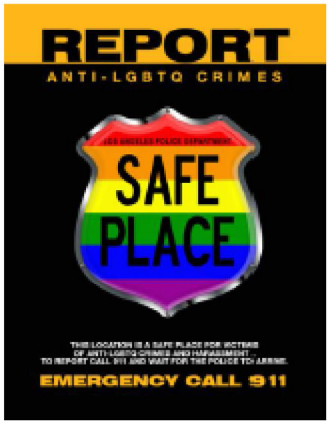
LAPD Safe Place



Dear Los Angeles Business Owners, Organizations, and Residents,

The Los Angeles Police Department would like to announce its partnership with the Safe Place Initiative which was established in Seattle, Washington in May 2015. As we look at ways to enhance public safety and respond to concerns about hate incidents and hate-related crimes against members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) community, the Department has looked for initiatives to educate, provide resources, and help foster a culture of inclusion throughout the City of Los Angeles.

"LAPD SAFE PLACE" is modeled after the Seattle Police Department program "SPD Safe Place." The goal is to voluntarily partner the police and community together in solidarity, sending a strong message against all forms of hate. We seek to reduce crimes of violence, harassment and intimidation.

If interested, you may participate by posting "SAFE PLACE" decals at the front entrance of your business or organization as an easily identifiable symbol of support for a non-confrontational environment. We appreciate your education of employees and staff on the "SAFE PLACE" concept. You can help the victims of bullying or hate by providing them a temporary "SAFE PLACE" to call 9-1-1 or non-emergency public safety lines, until police officers arrive, as necessary. ***Your organization or company's participation and that of your staff is strictly voluntary***.

For more information about "LAPD SAFE PLACE," and to obtain materials, please visit our website at http://lapdonline.org/lapd_safe_place or call the LAPD LGBTQ Liaison Senior Lead Officer Jules Sohn at 213-486-6000.

Thanks so much for your support.